

AA09) (2003-0009)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2029. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Anchorage Areas/Anchorage Grounds Regulations/Security Zones; Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai, HI (CGD14-03-001)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2030. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Passenger Vessels, Portland, Maine, Captain of the Port Zone (CGD01-03-001) (1625-AA00) (2003-0011)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2031. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 3 Regulations) [COTP San Juan 03-047] [COPST Southeast Alaska 03-001] [CGD01-03-028] (1625-AA00) (2003-0011)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2032. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2033. A communication from the Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2, 73, 74, 80, 90, and 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Decisions from World Radiocommunication Conferences Concerning Frequency Bands Below 28000 kHz (ET Doc. 02-16, FCC Number 03-39)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2034. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement for Low-Speed Electric Bicycles (FR Doc. 03-3423, 68 FR 7072)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2035. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 41st Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2002, which ended September 30, 2002" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2036. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the certification that Moldova is committed to the courses of action described in section 1203 (d) of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993, received on April 25, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2037. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense STARBAS Program Management Report, received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to providing benefits to Veterans, received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction to Congress Fiscal Year 2004" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Veterans Affairs Department furnishing health care to members of Armed Forces of active duty during and immediately following a national disaster as declared by the President of the United States, received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2041. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Department of Labor's 2002 Finding on the Worst Forms of Child Labor" received on April 24, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2042. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "FY 2002 Management and Performance Highlights" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2043. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of proposed legislation relative to providing permanent, indefinite appropriation to allow the Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service to reimburse financial institutions directly, received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Twenty-Fifth Annual Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 815 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Banking and Finance, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR Part 50—Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (1505-AA98)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 108-4 Protocols to North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (Exec. Rept. No. 108-6)

Resolution of ratification as recommended by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT SUBJECT TO DECLARATIONS AND CONDITIONS.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (as defined in section 4(6)), which were opened for signature at Brussels on March 26, 2003, and signed on behalf of the United States of America and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, subject to the declarations of section 2 and the conditions of section 3.

Sec. 2. DECLARATIONS.

The advice and consent of the Senate to ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia is subject to the following declarations:

(1) Reaffirmation that United States Membership in NATO Remains a Vital National Security Interest of the United States. The Senate declares that

(A) for more than 50 years the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has served as the preeminent organization to defend the countries in the North Atlantic area against all external threats;

(B) through common action, the established democracies of North America and Europe that were joined in NATO persevered and prevailed in the task of ensuring the survival of democratic government in Europe and North America throughout the Cold War;

(C) NATO enhances the security of the United States by embedding European states in a process of cooperative security planning, by preventing the destabilizing re-nationalization of European military policies, and by ensuring an ongoing and direct leadership role for the United States in European security affairs;

(D) the responsibility and financial burden of defending the democracies of Europe and North America can be more equitably shared through an alliance in which specific obligations and force goals are met by its members;

(E) the security and prosperity of the United States is enhanced by NATO's collective defense against aggression that may threaten the security of NATO members;

(F) with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic became members of NATO on March 12, 1999;

(G) on May 17, 2002, the Senate adopted the Freedom Consolidation Act of 2001 (S. 1572 of the 107th Congress), and President George W. Bush signed that bill into law on June 10, 2002, which "reaffirms support for continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Alliance; designated Slovakia for participation in the Partnership for Peace and eligible to receive certain security assistance under the NATO Participation Act of 1994; [and] authorizes specified amounts of security assistance for [fiscal year] 2002 for Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania"; and

(H) United States membership in NATO remains a vital national security interest of the United States.

(2) Strategic Rationale for NATO Enlargement. The Senate finds that

(A) notwithstanding the collapse of communism in most of Europe and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the United States and its NATO allies face threats to their stability and territorial integrity;

(B) an attack against Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, or